

line 6, delete "hydrophilic";

~~NE~~ line 7, delete "," (second occurrence);

~~NE~~ line 8, delete "hydrophobic";

line 16, replace "hydrophobic" with --first--;

line 19, replace "hydrophobic" with --first--;

line 20, replace "hydrophilic" with --second--; and

line 23, replace "hydrophilic" with --second--.

Page 13, line 19, replace "hump" with --wetting region--.

Page 15, line 15, replace "109, 110" with --509, 510--; and

line 16, replace "109, 110" with --509, 510--.

Page 17, ~~NE~~ line 24, before "surface" insert --liquid pervious--;

line 24, replace "second part" with --absorption layer--; and

line 27, after "the" insert --absorption layer--.

Page 18, line 36, replace "front" with --crotch--.

Page 19, line 24, replace "hydrophobic" with --liquid pervious--; and

~~NE~~ line 26, replace "hydrophobic" with --liquid pervious--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 11 and 12 and amend claims 1-10 and 13-15 as follows:

1. (Amended) Absorbent article [intended for female users, such as a sanitary napkin, a panty-liner or an incontinence protector,] comprising a liquid-pervious surface layer [(2)], a liquid-impervious surface layer [(3)], and an absorbent body [(4)] enclosed between the two surface layers [(2, 3)], wherein the article further exhibits a wetting region